REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 29, 2000 with claims 1-19. Claims 1, 17 and 19 have been amended. Claims 1-17 and 19 remain pending, and claims 1, 17 and 19 are the pending independent claims.

In the outstanding final Office Action dated December 9, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,963,909 to Warren et al. (hereinafter "Warren").

With regard to the rejection of claims 1-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Warren, Applicants have amended claims 1, 17 and 19 in an effort to expedite the application through to issuance. Independent claims 1, 17 and 19 have been amended to recite that a subset of the plurality of cryptographic token keys are selected by the sending server for transfer to the receiving client. The subset of the plurality of cryptographic token keys enables decryption of a corresponding transferred subset of the plurality of encrypted sequential data blocks, thereby enabling the receiving client to access only a selected portion of the media file as desired by the sending server. Support for this amendment can be found on page 4, lines 7-11, page 11, lines 5-10 and page 12, lines 6-11 of the specification.

Warren discloses the reproduction of a full multimedia data signal through the use of multimedia frames and encryption keys. However, Warren fails to specifically disclose the selection, by a sending server, of a subset of the plurality of cryptographic token keys for transfer. Warren also fails to disclose that this selected subset of cryptographic token keys allows for the decryption of a corresponding transferred subset of the of the encrypted sequential data blocks, thereby enabling a receiving client to access only a selected portion of the media file as desired by the sending server, as recited in independent claims 1, 17 and 19 of the present invention.
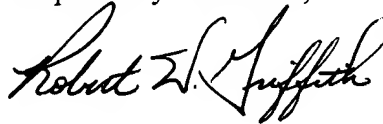
In the final Office Action, on page 3, paragraph 3, the Examiner contends that all transferred data is selected to be transferred by the sending computer, and as media is being streamed, the receiver receives a subset of the keys, which can be used to decrypt only a portion of the media sections. However, Warren fails to disclose that the sending server's selection of a subset of the

plurality of cryptographic token keys is based on a portion of the media file that the sending server desires the receiving client to access, as recited in independent claims 1, 17 and 19.

Dependent claims 2-16 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claim 1, and also contain patentable subject matter in their own right. Dependent claims 11-16 have been amended for proper antecedent basis and consistency among the recited elements. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-17 and 19 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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